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Dear Mr. Borowsky:

This is in response to your April 23 letter asking us to consider modifications to your special use permit, which you offered in a spirit of cooperation with many important stakeholders in the community.

The Selected Alternative in the Record of Decision (ROD), February 2005, included a provision for snowmaking, using up to 1.5 million gallons per day of Class A+ reclaimed water. After issuing the ROD, the City of Flagstaff identified additional post treatment natural filtration and dilution for this water making it recovered-reclaimed water. Using recovered-reclaimed water represents an opportunity to be responsive to concerns over the use of reclaimed water on the San Francisco Peaks expressed by members of several Native American tribes. I have reviewed the use of recovered-reclaimed water in a Supplemental Information Report and have concluded that use of higher quality water does not present a significant new environmental effect requiring additional analysis. I have also determined that the proposed inclusion of utility service lines within the corridor for the water pipeline also poses no significant new environmental issues. I have approved the use of recovered-reclaimed or reclaimed water in your permit.

Enclosed, please find the special use permit for construction of improvements outlined in the Arizona Snowbowl Facilities Improvements and Forest Amendment #21—February 2005 and the Record of Decision. This permit becomes effective ten days from the date of this letter.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions. I appreciate your coordination with the Coconino National Forest.

Sincerely,

M. EARL STEWART
Forest Supervisor



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
AMENDMENT FOR
SPECIAL-USE AUTHORIZATION
Amendment Number 3**

This amendment is attached to and made a part of the special use authorization for a ski area issued to Arizona Snowbowl Resort on 12/22/1992 which is hereby amended as follows:

As described in the Final EIS – Arizona Snowbowl Facilities Improvements (FEIS) and Forest Plan Revision Amendment #21 – February 2005, and the Record of Decision, the following projects are authorized improvements under the Arizona Snowbowl Resort permit (PEA403901):

- (1) Construct a 10-million gallon snowmaking impoundment with associated pump-house building and construction/maintenance road. The impoundment shall utilize reclaimed or recovered-reclaimed water (FEIS Figure 2-5).
- (2) Construct an 1,100 foot spur road between the existing maintenance road that traverses Sunset Boulevard (trail #10) and Southern Belle (trail #9) (FEIS Figure 2-5).
- (3) Install Snowmaking infrastructure and coverage for 205 acres of existing and new terrain for the following trails and areas (FEIS Figure 2-3):

Boo Boo (33)	Volcano (43)	Lower Volcano (43a)	Lava (43c)
Midway Catwalk (24)	Logjam (25)	Wild Turkey (20)	Ridgeway (22)
Lower Ridge (21)	Stump Patch (15)	Meadows (14)	Phoenix (16)
Blackjack (17)	Agassiz (12)	Rattlesnake (13)	North Star (11)
Sunset Boulevard (10)	Southern Belle (9)	Round Up (19)	Tinhorn (4)
Bambi (6)	Tenderfoot (5)	Hart Prairie/Teaching Area (3)	Lodge Run (7)
Santa Fe (8a)	Aspen Meadows (1)	Little Spruce	Trail 16A (new)
Trail 42 (new)	Waterfall Bypass (21A)	Snowtubing Area	

- (4) Construct Humphrey's Pod Trails (FEIS Figure 2-5):

Map Reference	Trail Name	Vertical Drop (ft.)	Acres
34	Proposed Run	816	12.2
34a	Proposed Run	87	1.4
35	Proposed Run	824	8.1

35a	Proposed Run	138	1.0
40	Proposed Run	566	3.4
41	Proposed Run	309	2.0
41a	Proposed Run	125	1.0
44	Proposed Run	274	2.5

(5) Widening Upper Volcano Trail (#43b) (FEIS Figure 2-5).

(6) Construct Agassiz to Midway Hiking Trail (FEIS Figure 2-5).

(7) Construct Trail #42 (FEIS Figure 2-5).

(8) Construct snow play facility in Hart Prairie with associated surface lifts and tubing lanes, parking lots, 5000 square foot lodge and associated septic system with leach fields and buried 10,000 gallon tank (FEIS Figure 2-5).

(9) Replace aging lift equipment with more modern and efficient chairlift technology (FEIS Figure 2-5).

Sunset Chairlift	Aspen Chairlift
Humphreys Chairlift	Surface Lifts
Hart Prairie Chairlift	Snowtubing Surface Lifts

(10) Both the Hart Prairie and Agassiz day lodges will be enlarged and upgraded. A new guest services facility will be developed adjacent to the existing Agassiz Lodge (FEIS Figure 2-5).

(11) The existing parking lots #1 and #2 will be combined by re-grading and leveling (FEIS Figure 2-5).

This Amendment is accepted subject to the conditions set forth herein, and to conditions 1 to 3 attached hereto and made a part of this Amendment.

Condition 1: Maps (Figure 2-3 and Figure 2-4) from the FEIS for all improvements listed herein.

Condition 2: Required Mitigation and Best Management Practices identified in the FEIS.

Condition 3: The source of water for snowmaking shall be reclaimed or recovered-reclaimed water from the City of Flagstaff's Rio De Flag.

Holder: _____

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Title: FOREST SUPERVISOR, Coconino National Forest

Date: _____

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